

# Data Management: The Clinical Research and Regulatory Perspective

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# Topics

- The Legacy of Clinical Trials Data
- CDISC and HL7
- Basic Concepts of the CDISC Study Data Tabulation Model
- The FDA Janus Data Warehouse
- Tools Enabled by Standard Data

# CDISC Vision

*The exchange of all clinical trial data between any two parties will be achieved by the application of the appropriate CDISC data models and standards*

# CDISC and HL7 RCRIM TC Project Topics

## CDISC

- **Study Data Tabulation Model**  
(Submission Data Standards)
- Operational Data Model
- Data Description Specification
- Lab Data Model
- Analysis Data Models
- Standard for Exchange of  
Nonclinical Data

## HL7 RCRIM (with CDISC)

- ECG Waveform Message\*
- LAB Data Message\*
- Structured Protocol
- Structured Product Label
- Stability Data Model
- Integrated Clinical Safety  
Report Message

\* ANSI - approved Normative V3 Message Standards

# Basic Concepts of the SDTM: General Observation Classes

- SDTM: A fundamental model for organizing data collected in clinical trials that will be submitted to regulatory authorities
- All data stored as a series of observations in ***Domains***
- Demographics - Basic subject-level information
  - Used to select, sort and group data in all domains
- Interventions - Treatments or procedures administered
- Events - Things that just happen (AEs, Med History)
- Findings – General subject observations, such as questions and tests
  - *>80% of data will likely be placed in findings*
- *Other special purpose datasets are also defined for special purposes.*

# CDISC SDTM Domain Concept

EG.xpt, ECG — Findings, Version 3.1, June 3, 2004. One record per ECG observation per time point per visit per subject , Tabulation

Variable Name	Variable Label	Type	Controlled Terms or Format	Origin	Role	CDISC Notes	Core	References
STUDYID	Study Identifier	Char		CRF	Identifier	Unique identifier for a study within the submission.	Req	SDTM 2.2.4
DOMAIN	Domain Abbreviation	Char	**EG	Derived	Identifier	Two-character abbreviation for the domain most relevant to the observation.	Req	SDTM 2.2.4
USUBJID	Unique Subject Identifier	Char		Sponsor Defined	Identifier	Unique subject identifier within the submission.	Req	SDTM 2.2.4
EGSEQ	Sequence Number	Num		CRF or Derived	Identifier	Sequence number given to ensure uniqueness within a dataset for a subject. Can be used to join related records.	Req	SDTM 2.2.4
EGGRPID	Group ID	Char		Sponsor Defined	Identifier	Used to link together a block of related records for a subject in a single domain.	Perm	SDSIG 2.1; SDTM 2.2.4
EGREFID	ECG Reference ID	Char		Sponsor Defined or Derived	Identifier	Internal or external ECG identifier. Example: UUID for external ECG Waveform File.	Perm	
EGSPID	Sponsor ID	Char		Sponsor Defined or Derived	Identifier	Optional Sponsor-defined reference number. Perhaps pre-printed on the CRF as an explicit line identifier or defined in the sponsor's operational database. Example: Line number from the ECG page.	Perm	SDTM 2.2.4
EGTESTCD	ECG Test or Examination Short Name	Char	**	CRF or Derived	Topic	Short name of the measurement, test, or examination described in EGTEST. It can be used as a column name when converting a dataset from a vertical to a horizontal format. The value in EGTESTCD cannot be longer than 8 characters, nor can it start with a number (e.g.'1TEST'). EGTESTCD cannot contain characters other than letters, numbers, or underscores. Examples: PR, QT, FIND, INTP.	Req	
EGTEST	ECG Test or Examination Name	Char	**	CRF	Synonym Qualifier	Verbatim name of the test or examination used to obtain the measurement or finding. The value in EGTEST cannot be longer than 40 characters. Examples: PR Interval, QT Interval, ECG Finding, etc.	Req	
EGCAT	Category for ECG	Char	*	Sponsor Defined	Grouping Qualifier	Used to categorize ECG observations. Examples: MEASUREMENT or FINDING.	Perm	SDSIG 2.1
EGSCAT	Subcategory for ECG	Char	*	Sponsor Defined	Grouping Qualifier	A further categorization of the ECG. Example: monitoring (1lead), 12-lead.	Perm	SDSIG 2.1

# Domains by Observation Class



# SEND Domains for NonClinical Data

A collection of observations with a topic-specific commonality:

(Interventions, Findings, and Special)

- Animal Characteristics
- Animal Disposition
- Body Weights
- Clinical Pathology
- Clinical Signs
- Drug/Metabolite Levels
- **Exposure**
- Food Consumption
- Fetal Data
- Female Fertility
- Group Characteristics
- Group Observations
- Macroscopic Findings
- Male Fertility
- Microscopic Findings
- Ophthalmoscopic Findings
- Organ Weights
- Rodent Micronucleus
- Study Summary
- **Study Timing**
- Tumor Analysis
- Water Consumption

# Variable/Item Roles

- Unique Identifiers - Study, subject, domain, sequence, IDs
- Topic - Focus of observation (Treatment, Term, Test)
- Timing - When the observation occurred
- Qualifiers - Additional attributes/traits of observation
  - Lab results, units, decodes, position, severities, etc.
  - Grouping, Result, Synonym, Record, Variable sub-types
- Each domain must include:
  - Unique identifiers
  - A topic variable
  - A set of timing variables and qualifiers
- *SDS domain models define the expected set of timing variables and qualifiers for each domain.*

# Event Structure – 1 record per AE

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Address C:\Demo\Links AE2.htm

FDA AE Preferences Settings Feedback Exit Help

User: BATCHAPP Administrator [admin], Context: Pilot\_1:Pilot\_1

Home Select Browse Report Subject Lists Advanced Load&Check Run Queue

374 rows

STUDYID	USUBJID	AGE	SEX	RACE	TRTCD	TRTGRP	AETERM	AEACTSDY	AEACTEDY
STY1234AXXXX	STY1234AXXXX6603	58	M	WHITE	1	STY1234A	GASTROENTERITIS- PROBABLY VIRAL	50	52
STY1234AXXXX	STY1234AXXXX6603	58	M	WHITE	1	STY1234A	COMMON COLD SYMPTOMS	190	193
STY1234AXXXX	STY1234AXXXX6604	62	M	WHITE	3	CONTROL C	ADHESIVE CAPSULITIS OF RIGHT SHOULDER	-3	7
STY1234AXXXX	STY1234AXXXX6604	62	M	WHITE	3	CONTROL C	HYPERLIPIDEMIA	59	
STY1234AXXXX	STY1234AXXXX6604	62	M	WHITE	3	CONTROL C	HEMORRHAGE AT DISC MARGIN OF BOTH EYES	186	

STUDYID	AESTDT	AEENDT	AESQ	AEDECOD	AEBODSYS	AEDUR	AEDURU	AESEV	AESER
STY1234AXXXX	04-Dec-1997	06-Dec-1997	1	GASTROENTERITIS	DIGESTIVE SYSTEM	2	DAYS	SEVERE	Y
STY1234AXXXX	23-Apr-1998	26-Apr-1998	2	UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION	RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	3	DAYS	MILD	N
STY1234AXXXX	10-Oct-1997	20-Oct-1997	1	JOINT DISORDER	MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	10	DAYS	MILD	N
STY1234AXXXX	11-Dec-1997		2	HYPERLIPEMIA	METABOLIC & NUTRITIONAL DISORDERS			MILD	N
STY1234AXXXX	17-Apr-1998		3	RETINAL HEMORRHAGE	SPECIAL SENSES			MODERATE	N

STUDYID	SAEDTH	SAELIFE	SAEDISAB	SAEHOSP	SAECAN	SAEOD	SAECONG	SAEOTH	AEACTTRT
STY1234AXXXX	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	DOSE NOT CHANGED
STY1234AXXXX	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	DOSE NOT CHANGED
STY1234AXXXX	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	DOSE NOT CHANGED
STY1234AXXXX	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	DOSE NOT CHANGED
STY1234AXXXX	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	DOSE NOT CHANGED

# Finding Structure: 1 Rec. per Vital Sign

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User: Chan Russell [chan], Context: Pilot4:STUDY1V3

2515 rows

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STUDY1V3	STUDY1V3/P0001	63	M	WHITE	DRUG B (4D) / OPEN LABEL	VS	1	DIABP	DIASTOLIC BP
STUDY1V3	STUDY1V3/P0001	63	M	WHITE	DRUG B (4D) / OPEN LABEL	VS	2	PULSE	PULSE
STUDY1V3	STUDY1V3/P0001	63	M	WHITE	DRUG B (4D) / OPEN LABEL	VS	3	SYSBP	SYSTOLIC BP
STUDY1V3	STUDY1V3/P0001	63	M	WHITE	DRUG B (4D) / OPEN LABEL	VS	4	DIABP	DIASTOLIC BP
STUDY1V3	STUDY1V3/P0001	63	M	WHITE	DRUG B (4D) / OPEN LABEL	VS	5	PULSE	PULSE

STUDYID	VISIT	VISITNUM	VISITDY	VSDTM	VSDTMP	VSDY	VSORRES	VSORRESU	VSSTRESU
STUDY1V3	SCREENING	1	-14	13-Mar-2001	day	-15	98	mmHg	98
STUDY1V3	SCREENING	1	-14	13-Mar-2001	day	-15	78	1/MIN	78
STUDY1V3	SCREENING	1	-14	13-Mar-2001	day	-15	157	mmHg	157
STUDY1V3	BASELINE	2	1	27-Mar-2001	day	-1	61	mmHg	61
STUDY1V3	BASELINE	2	1	27-Mar-2001	day	-1	79	1/MIN	79

STUDYID	VSBLRESN	VSSTRESN	VSSTRESU
STUDY1V3		98	mmHg
STUDY1V3		78	1/MIN
STUDY1V3		157	mmHg
STUDY1V3	61	61	mmHg
STUDY1V3	79	79	1/MIN

# Transformed VS: 1 Record per Visit

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Address <https://datamine2.lincolntechnologies.net/websdm/ctShowCompositeTable.jsp>

Display Report

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Report Results [Wayne's VS by Visit] 4491 rows

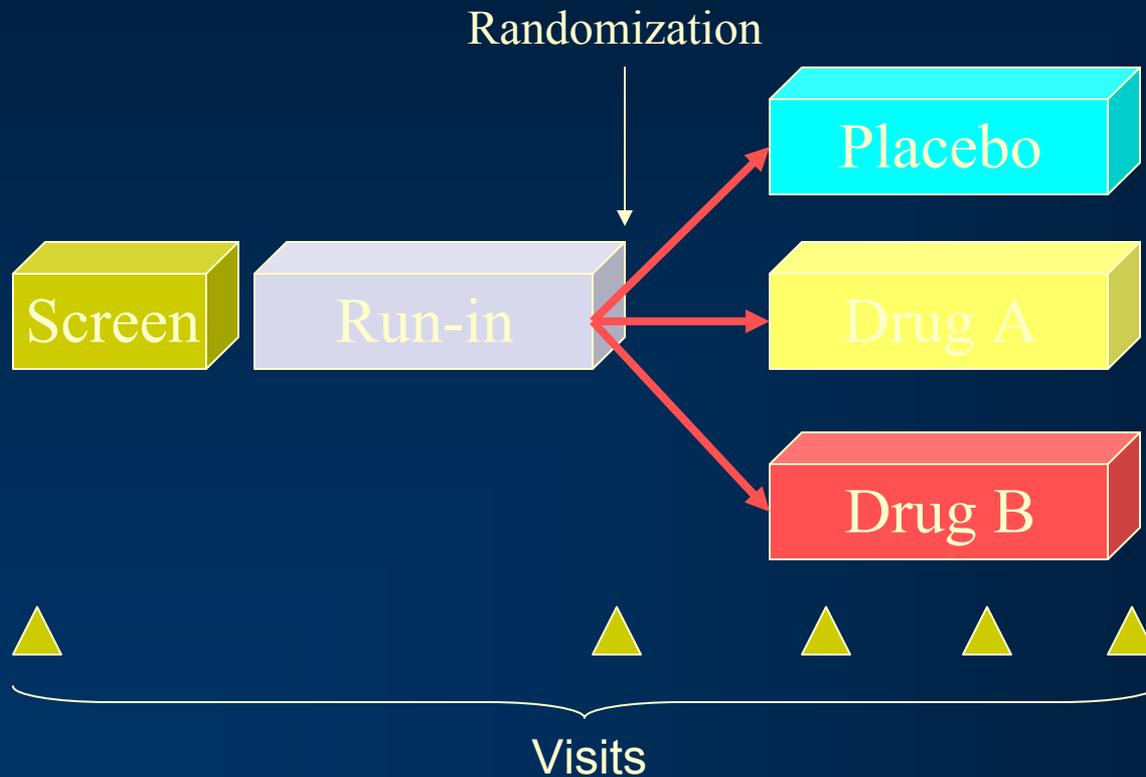
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<a href="#">XYZ1234F_00001101_00000002</a>	9	50.0	TREATMENT C	WHITE	M	72.0		124.0	
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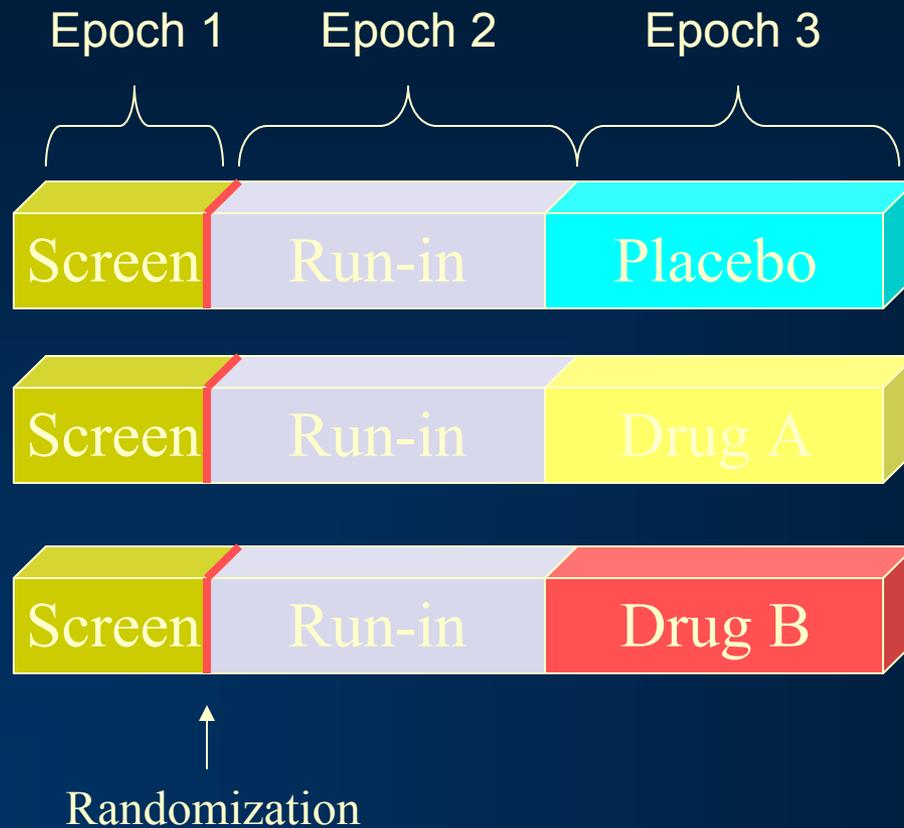
# SDTM Concepts: Trial Design

- Model for defining aspects of a trial design
  - Epoch: a time interval in the planned conduct of a study
  - Element: a particular time interval within an Arm
  - Arm: an ordered sequence of Elements
    - Equivalent to a planned treatment group
  - Visit: a clinical encounter
- Domains for:
  - Planned Elements, Arms, Visits, IE Criteria, Interventions and Assessments
  - Actual Subject Elements and Visits

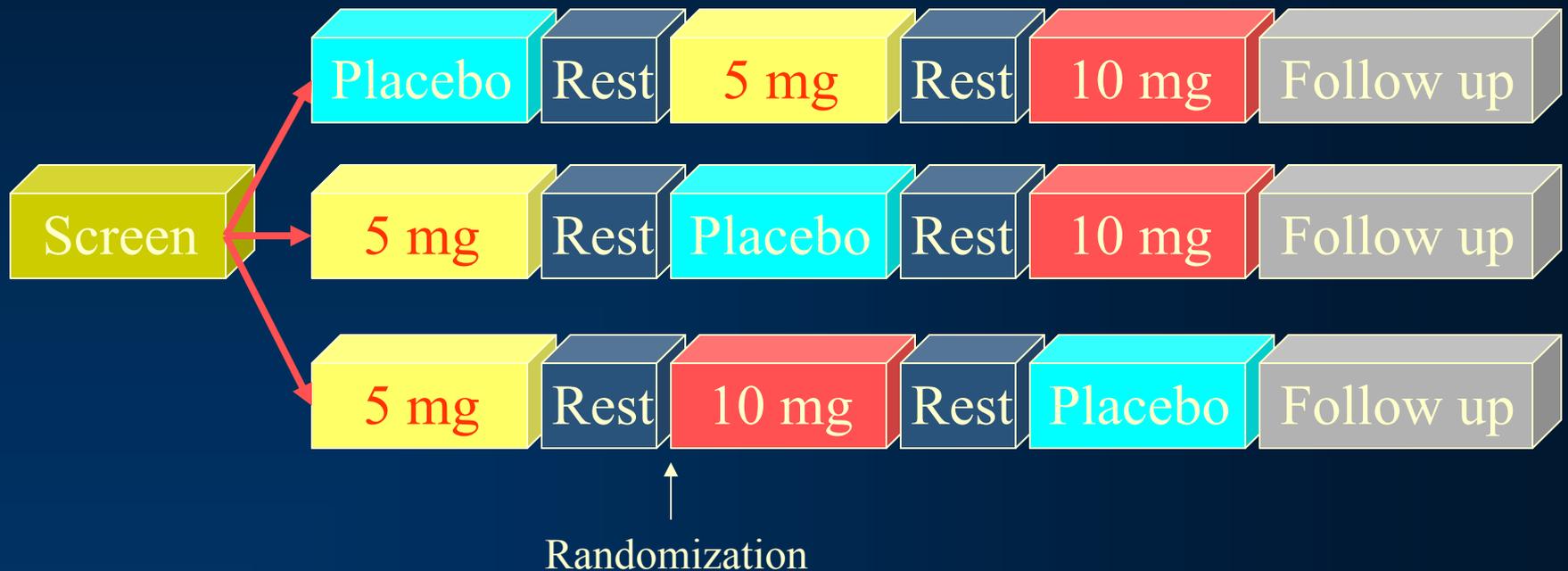
# Parallel Trial Design Flowchart



# Parallel Trial Arms



# Flowchart: Crossover Trial



# Facilitating the FDA Review Process

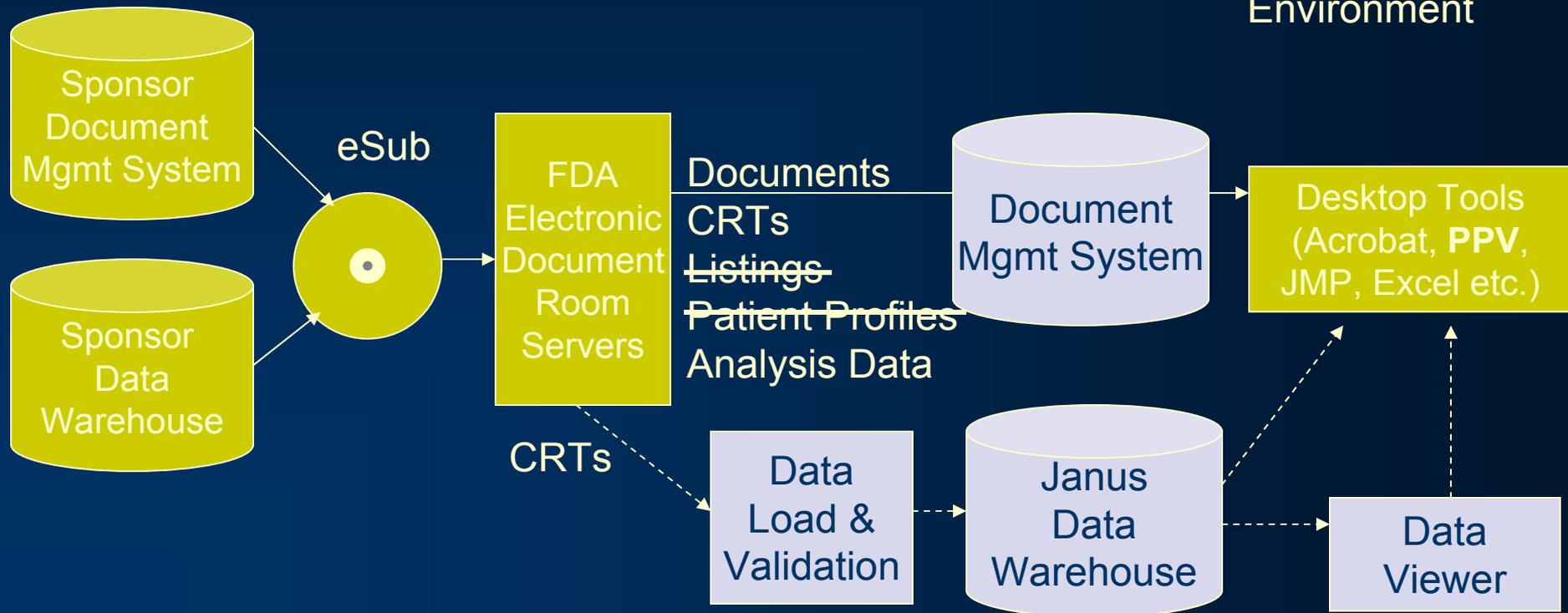
## Sponsor

## FDA

Gateway →

Repository →

Review Environment

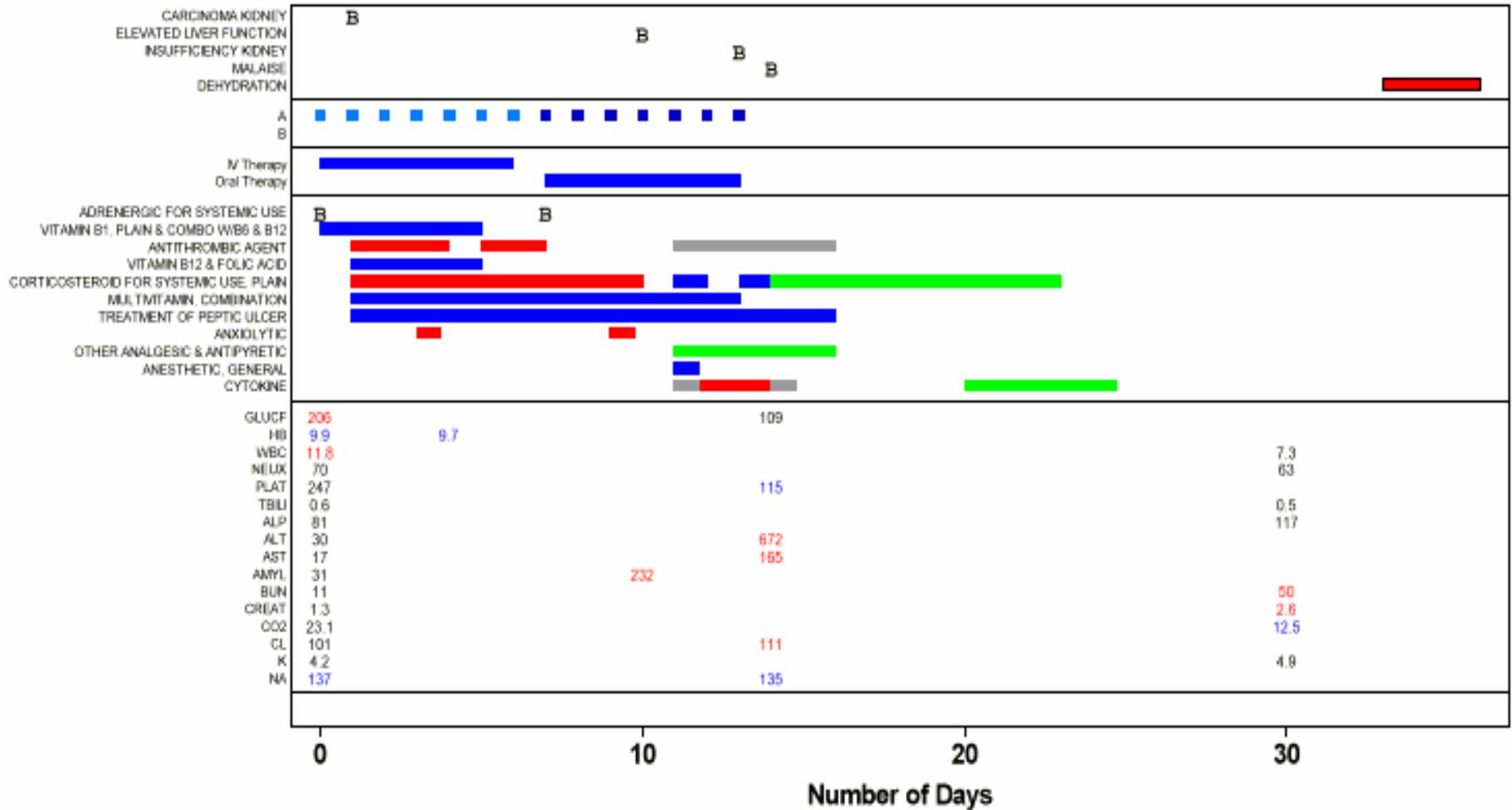


# CRADAs Related to CDISC SDTM

- Lincoln Technologies Web Submission Data Manager
- PPD Patient Profile Viewer
- IBM and Janus Data Warehouse
- Mortara ECG Data Warehouse/Viewer
- PharmQuest's ToxVision for Animal Data

*Tools will continue to evolve as standard data becomes available.*

# Invoking Patient Profiles



# Example Enhanced Report

Web Submission Data Manager - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Address: http://localhost:8080/BatchApp/ctShowCompositeTable.jsp?savedQueryID=107

Links NewWebChr Norton AntiVirus

**FDA** Display Report Preferences Settings Feedback Exit Help

User: BATCHAPP Administrator [admin], Home Select Browse **Report** Subject Lists Advanced Load&Check Run Queue

Results Manage Results Reports Manage Reports Create Report

**Report Results [Avg cholesterol for age groups by visit] 4 rows**

Options Save Results Edit Definition Save Definition Graphs Download

AGE	Gender																							
	Males						Females																	
	Visit Group						Visit Group																	
	1, 2, 3, 4			4, 5, 6, 7, 8			1, 2, 3, 4			4, 5, 6, 7, 8														
Tot. CHOL		LDL		HDL		Tot. CHOL		LDL		HDL		Tot. CHOL		LDL		HDL		Tot. CHOL		LDL		HDL		
C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	C	M	
20 - 40	5	5.79	5	2.71	5	0.77	6	4.97	6	1.91	6	0.74	2	6.06	2	3.16	2	1.15						
40 - 60	88	4.89	88	2.5	88	1.05	90	4.82	90	2.39	88	1	75	5.48	75	2.89	74	1.22	83	4.92	83	2.46	83	1.21
60 - 80	99	4.94	99	2.61	99	1.05	113	4.73	113	2.48	113	1.02	58	5.31	58	2.78	58	1.33	62	5.27	62	2.57	60	1.27
80 -	1	5.07	1	2.51	1	1.71																		

**Audit Information**  
 Data Source: SDM3SAMPJ  
 Subject List: null  
 Report: Avg cholesterol for age groups by visit  
 User: BATCHAPP Administrator  
 Date: 09/02/2003 18:28:53 EDT

Done Local intranet

# Image Integration with SDTM Findings

- Findings data structure includes a variable to store UID for external reference files
  - ECG XML Waveforms in HL7 V3 messaging format
  - Medical Imaging files
- FDA standard review tools can invoke image viewing applications from FDA Janus Data Warehouse
- ECG and Image files will be stored in other repositories
  - Imaging formats and viewers are not yet defined.

# ECG Viewer



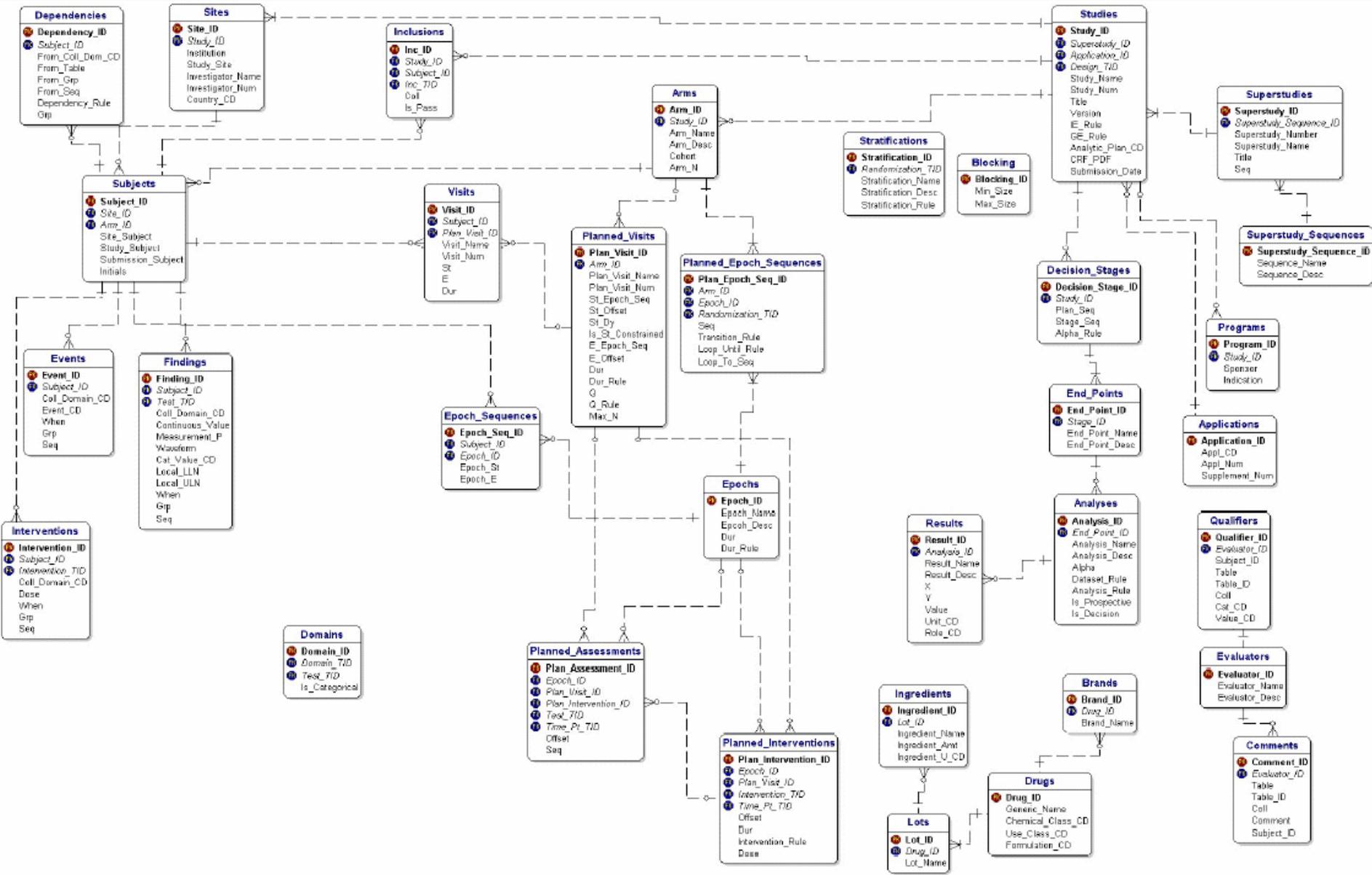
# The FDA Janus Warehouse

Conceived and developed by Norman Stockbridge, MD (FDA)  
to improve reviews and conduct cross-study analysis



- Includes:
    - All clinical trial data
    - Protocol
    - Pharm/tox
    - *Analysis plan*
  - Actual Data (submitted in standard SDS format):
    - Findings (LB, EG, VS, QS, PE, etc.)
    - Events (AE, MH, DS)
    - Interventions (EX, CM)
  - Planned Protocol Definition (to support cross-study analysis):
    - Trial structure
    - Planned assessments
    - Planned interventions
    - Analytic plan
  - Does not include:
    - Spontaneous reports
    - Study reports & Reviews
- } Real vs. planned  
Support cross-study  
analysis

# Janus Basic Entity-Relationships



# Janus Pre-Requisites

- Widespread adoption of the CDISC SDTM standard by industry
- Submission of trial design data for all studies
  - Still undergoing pilot testing and expansion
- Standardized vocabularies
  - Method for submitting sponsor-controlled vocabularies
- Method and syntax for defining analysis rules
- Specific methods for other FDA-requested features like data confidence flags, etc.

# Tool Optimization and Validation

- Validation depends on ability of tools to reproduce same results as independent analyses by traditional methods
  - Currently only outputs are validated, not tools
- Tools optimization requires benchmark data sources
  - Pharmaceutical research data is highly confidential and proprietary
  - NCI or other NIH organizations could be a provider of public research data
- By comparison, public availability of AERS data has stimulated development of Bayesian data mining tools, repositories and applications
  - Mining of clinical research data will require different techniques.

# The Clinical Research and Regulatory Perspective

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There are just two rules for success:

1. Never tell all you know.

-- Roger H. Lincoln

